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ONE WEEK LATER FROM EUROPE.

ARRIVAL OF THE CANADA AT HALIFAX.

THE NEGOTIATIONS AT VIENNA.

PROGRESS OF THE WAR IN THE CRIMEA.

Preparations for the Assault of Sebastopol.

Activity of the Russians in Asia.

POPULAR OUTBREAKS IN ITALY.

Consols 90 3/4ths—Cotton Steady—Breadstuffs

Halifax, Jan. 17, 1855.

The royal mail steamship Canada, Captain Stone, from Liverpool, at 11 A. M., on the 16th inst., arrived here this afternoon.

The steamship Union had arrived at Southampton. Nothing of importance has transpired before Sebastopol.

The Canada left here shortly after sunset, with a northerly wind and clear weather, for Boston, where she will be due at an early hour on Friday morning.

THE EUROPEAN WAR.

PROGRESS OF THE SIEGE.

Dec. 12, 1854.—Weather frosty. Pale alarm at seven o'clock in the morning. The Russians are said to be gathering and threatening the British right flank at Inkermann. The British continue to construct strong redoubts there. During the day the Russians conveyed a cargo of iron to Sebastopol.

Dec. 13, 1854.—A general alarm at one o'clock. A. M. Heavy firing heard along the French line. An attack on the British was repulsed in three quarters of an hour.

Dec. 16, 1854.—Severe fighting in the night. A sortie was repulsed by the French.

Dec. 19, 1854.—Nothing important. General Adams died of his wounds.

Dec. 21, 1854.—[Official from General Canrobert.]—At 2 A. M., the Russians, after having made a sortie on the third parallel of the British, who vigorously repulsed them, made a demonstration upon the centre and left of the French works. Received by a heavy fire, the Russians withdrew, pursued by the French at the point of the bayonet. Their loss was considerable.

Dec. 22, 1854.—The Paris Monitor publishes an official despatch from Gen. Canrobert, that notwithstanding the bad weather the siege works continue to be pushed forward with great activity. Scarcely a night passes without some point of the French lines being attacked by sorties, which generally cost the assailants dear. A corps of volunteers is organized to watch the approaches to the works at night, also a corps of volunteer rifle French tirailleurs to watch by day. The French works now extend to the bottom of the Quarantine Bay. The enemy warmly dispute every inch, and the rock has to be hollowed out yet. The works advance steadily. A reconnaissance reports that there are only pickets on the left bank of the Tchernaya, the main Russian army having moved probably towards Eupatoria. The officers of Sebastopol garrison are to have each month's salary reckoned at a year. The Czar's sons, Michael and Nicholas, were to return to the Crimea on the 7th.

Dec. 25, 1854.—Admiral Hamilton telegraphs that 8,000 French had arrived in the camp between the 13th and 20th, besides others at Constantinople. The Admirals says: "Attempts at sorties take place every night, but the Russians are always vigorously repulsed. The French on the 23d had only 1,400 wounded and 1,900 sick. The army suffered from wet, cold." A Russian despatch from Odessa stated that General Liprandi on the 25th was attacking Balaklava. A heavy snow storm prevailed.

Dec. 25, 1854.—General Canrobert writes: "We shall soon be able to take the offensive. We make good our losses more promptly and more solidly than the enemy can. We are full of confidence." The allies on the 25th had to open fire. The plan of operation is, that fire was to be continued without cessation for forty-eight hours, and be followed by a general assault from both French and British. A letter from the Sultan, dated 25th Dec. orders Omar Pacha to go immediately to the Crimea to concert measures with the allied generals.

Dec. 26, 1854.—Menschikov telegraphs that, between the 20th and 26th of December, nothing remarkable had occurred, with the exception of two sorties on the 21st, in one of which eleven officers and thirty-three soldiers were taken prisoners, and a considerable number killed. In consequence of bad weather the siege operations progressed but slowly. According to telegraphic despatches from both armies, they were preparing for the assault on the south side of Sebastopol.

Dec. 28, 1854.—Considerable Russian reinforcements reached Odessa. Admirals Dundas and Hamelin were at Constantinople on their way home. Admirals Lyons and Bunt are at present in command of the fleet. Lord Cardigan has left for England. Gen. Sir De Lacy Evans has resigned his position.

Constantinople news says that the siege works have advanced so far that direct communications were prevented between the garrison of Sebastopol and the Russian forces near Balaklava, to whom provisions could only be sent by roundabout paths along the coast. Although the works of attack were in a very forward state, the correspondent of the Presse believes that nothing serious can be attempted against Sebastopol before the 15th of January.

The Paris Monitor announces that the Turkish government shows great diligence in providing supplies of ammunition and shipping repairs to the allies.

On December 23d, a strong Russian force attacked the night at Kalch. The garrison, aided by English, Austrian and Polish detachments, repulsed the attack; but their situation is still precarious.

The Porte has sent commissioners to reorganize the army of Anatolia and Circassia.

The Russians have formed, in various points of Circassia, corps of native militia with Russian officers.

Mecklenburg has been ordered to take the command in chief of the army in Asia.

THE CONFERENCE AT VIENNA.

Respecting the conference at Vienna, the following transpires:—

On the 25th of December, P. M., the Austrian, French and English plenipotentiaries met in the apartments of the latter. They drew up and signed a preliminary protocol, or rather a minute, of the exact and precise interpretation which their governments unanimously attach to the four points.

The Austrian minister then carried this document up stairs, to an apartment where Prince Gortschakoff was waiting, in company with Count Arnim and Baron Montenuovo, as the representatives of Prussia. In their presence, the Austrian plenipotentiary communicated to Gortschakoff these propositions of the Allied Powers, and asked him to state whether he was prepared to accept them without modification or reserve. Gortschakoff replied that his instructions did not go so far; his orders were to negotiate respecting the four points, but he would send off a courier, and hoped to receive further instructions within three days. Our informant says that the terms proposed to Gortschakoff were neither hard nor humiliating. There was no mention of the raising of Sebastopol, nor of a reduction of the Russian fleet in the Black Sea. Gortschakoff requested fourteen days delay, to obtain instructions from St. Petersburg, which were granted; consequently, it will be

PRUSSIAN OVERTURES.

Private correspondence says that the Prussian note of Dec. 19, sent to London and Paris, states that Prussia has examined the treaty made by the envoys in the three separate conferences on the 16th. Prussia sees with satisfaction that the protocols of Vienna, and the four points, are respected therein, and Prussia, although she did not take part in the exchange of notes on the 8th of August, gave it her moral support. Consequently, Prussia is still in diplomatic concert with the Allied Powers, and is even engaged, under certain eventualities, to military co-operation. Prussia is, therefore, disposed to join in new stipulations of a pacific tendency. Prussia adheres to the general scope of the treaty of Dec. 20, and is willing to conclude an analogous arrangement, but an exact and precise interpretation of the meaning of the guarantees will be the pivot on which all of Prussia's diplomatic measures will turn.

THE GERMAN RELATIONS.

Austria has called upon Prussia to place her army on a war footing, but the Prussian semi-official journals say that Prussia will not assent to this.

THE ITALIAN TREATY.

It is generally stated that the treaty is actually signed between France and Austria, and it is stated that France guarantees to Austria the possession of her Italian provinces. The London Times, however, disbelieves the existence of any such treaty.

Great Britain.

The returns of the Board of Trade for the month ending Dec. 5, show a decrease in exports amounting to nearly two millions sterling.

Messrs. Morewood & Rogers, iron merchants, of London, have failed for upwards of one hundred and eighty thousand pounds sterling. Their assets are said to be large.

The motion to set aside the adjudication of Edward Oliver's bankruptcy, has been further adjourned.

The London Times has created considerable excitement in England, by advocating in the boldest terms the immediate removal of Lord Raglan from his command in the East, on the ground of incompetency. The Times is also vigorously writing down the ministry, and indicates the Marquis of Dalhousie, the present Governor of India, as the only man capable of the post of Minister of War.

The Queen has written an autograph letter, sympathizing with her wounded soldiers.

Barthelmy has been sentenced to death in London for murder.

Buenos Ayres dates of the 1st, at Liverpool, say the invading force, under Gen. Lagos, was totally routed by Buenos Ayresans, and many arrests made. Business was dull.

Subscriptions to the new loan were opened on the 21 of January, and good business done. Considerable sums came from England.

The French Baltic fleet is ordered to re-assemble at Brest and Cherbourg. Business was very active during Christmas week in Paris. Accounts from the industrial districts were most satisfactory. There were immense demands for space in the Crystal Palace, and a new gallery was ordered to the building. The Emperor Napoleon and Empress visited they will not accept any presents from the French Exhibition.

The Spanish government is said to look very coolly on the English proposals to enlist soldiers for the war.

The Duke of Salaparuta succeeds Colorado as Minister of Finance.

An imperial manifesto issued December 26, calling on the nation to make every sacrifice for war. An additional revenue is to be raised on salt and tobacco. The export of furs from Poland is forbidden.

The affair of the cessation of Austrian railways to French capitalists for a sum of two hundred millions, was definitely concluded on the 1st.

Eight Austrian batteries, of eight guns each, are to be supplied with gun cotton.

The Diet of Saxony was closed on the 20th inst. by brief speech from the throne.

The Prussian army is now on a war footing.

The Prussian and Zollverein governments have forbidden the exportation of horses.

The Prussian government has also issued a notice calling attention to the law forbidding Prussians to enlist in any foreign service.

The new ministry is thus composed:—M. Furrer, President and Foreign Minister; Dreyer, Minister of Finance; Naef, of the Post Office; Herzog, Minister of War; Munzinger, of Commerce; Francini, Minister of the Interior.

Mr. Fay has presented a draft of a treaty with the United States to the Federal Council, and requested its ratification by the Swiss Federal Assembly.

A private despatch from Bern on the 27th Dec., says that the British Charge d'Affaires addressed an official demand to the Federal Council, for permission to enlist Swiss. The Council is said to have replied by a formal refusal, stating that Switzerland would maintain absolute neutrality in the great war. This is thought doubtful.

Three shocks of an earthquake had been felt throughout Piedmont at three o'clock in the morning on the 29th ult. A labor riot broke out at Carrara, in consequence of which the city was placed in a state of siege, and all arms in the hands of the rioters were ordered to be delivered up within six hours after notice.

From Naples, December 27, we learn that the weather has been exceedingly stormy for the previous three weeks, and much damage has occurred to shipping.

The "Immaculate Conception" was celebrated by a fortnight's festival, and the Neapolitan army, while it was, placed under special benediction.

Owing to threatened disturbances in Brescia and Verona, the theatres were ordered to be closed, and public assemblies were prohibited.

Commercial Intelligence.

LONDON MONEY MARKET.

Money unchanged. Exchange on Paris falling, all gold is immediately exported. The French loan was taken up in England to a large amount. Consols declined one per cent, but recovered, and closed at 90 1/2; 4 1/2s, 5 1/2s; bar silver, 5s. 1 1/2d.; doubloons, 75s. 3d. & 75s. 6d. Bullion has decreased £202,000.

AMERICAN SECURITIES.

Messrs. Bell & Son report the market active, purchasers during the week having taken almost all the government and State stocks offered. In railroad bonds not much has been done.

United States 6's, 1868, 95 1/2
United States 6's, 1869, 100 1/2
Pennsylvania 5's, 75 1/2
Maryland 5's, 85 1/2
Massachusetts 5's, 101 1/2
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